

## Data processing system and method for remote recovery of a primary password

### Abstract

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A data processing system and method are disclosed for remotely recovering a client computer system's primary password. The primary password is correctly entered prior to the client computer system becoming fully accessible to a user. The client computer system is coupled to a server computer system utilizing a network. Prior to the client computer system completing a boot process, a user is prompted to enter the primary password. An interrogative password method is provided in response to an incorrect entry of the primary password. The primary password is recoverable in response to a successful execution of the interrogative password method. The primary password is recoverable from the server computer system by the client computer system prior to said client computer system completing said boot process utilizing the interrogative password method.

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